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SUBJECT: GOVERNMENT OF QATAR FINANCES PLO PROPAGANDA
ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF ARAB WORLD.

1. QATARI DAILY "AL ARAB" CARRIED FRONT PAGE ITEM NOV 14
IN FORM OF ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PLO OFFICE IN DOHA THAT GOQ
FINANCING PLO PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE ARAB
WORLD. PLO ANNOUNCEMENT DECLARED THAT AMIR OF QATAR,
SHAYKH KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI, WAS FIRST TO PERCEIVE
IMPORTANCE OF TELLING PALESTINIANS'S STORY FROM ARAB SIDE TO
LARGELY UNINFORMED PUBLIC OUTSIDE OF ARAB WORLD, AND THAT AMIR
HAD BACKED UP HIS PERCEPTION WITH FUNDS TO "COVER ALL EXPENSES"
OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

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2. ANNOUNCEMENT CLAIMED THAT PLO PROPAGANDA HAD ALREADY BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CHANGING WORLD VIEWS OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IN ARAB'S FAVOR, AND CITED SUCCESS OF PLO AT UN AS EXAMPLE. ANNOUNCEMENT CONCLUDED WITH FULSOME THANKS TO AMRI AND PEOPLE OF QATAR FOR THEIR TANGIBLE SUPPORT TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE.
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